

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

**United States v. Microsoft Corporation;
Public Comments**

Pursuant to section 16(b) of the Antitrust Procedures and Penalty Act ("Tunney Act"), 15 U.S.C. 16(b)-(h), the United States hereby publishes the Tunney Act public comments it received on the Revised Proposed Final Judgment in *United States v. Microsoft Corp.*, Civil Action No. 98-1232, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. The United States has previously published in the **Federal Register** a complete list of the names (as provided in the comment) of all individuals or entities submitting public comments; the number of pages of each comment; a unique tracking number assigned to each comment so that each comment may be located on the Department of Justice's website; and an index to the comments organized by six categories based primarily on the level of detail of the comment. The United States has also previously published its response to the comments and a description of the process by which interested individuals and entities may access or obtain copies of the comments as being published concurrently with this list.

In addition to the publication in the **Federal Register** of the comments, the list of names of individuals submitting comments, the index and the United States' response to the comments, electronic copies of all comments are available on the Department of Justice's website at www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/ms-comments.htm. Interested persons may also request a copy of the one or more CD-ROMs containing the full text of the comments by contacting the Department of Justice in Washington, DC at Antitrust Documents Group, 325 7th Street NW., Ste. 215 North, Washington, DC 20530, Telephone: (202) 514-2481, Fax: (202) 514-3763. The United States will provide free of charge one copy of this CD-ROM or set of CD-ROMs to each individual person and five copies to each library or other institution that requests it. The United States will provide, at cost, additional copies above these limits to individuals or institutions upon request. The United States has filed the comments on CD-ROM with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

MTC-00000001

From: Bud
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 11/16/01 11:15am

Subject: Microsoft settlement

Dear Sir or Madam:

The DOJ has sold the public down the river by not breaking up Microsoft. Breaking the company up would not have lessened its assets only its MONOPOLY POWER. The DOJ has partnered with George W. Bush to repay Bill Gates for his generous campaign contributions to him and the GOP party. There is nowhere the public can turn anymore now that our Justice Department has sold out to politics. There is no other explanation the public will believe.

You've made your bed with Bill, now sleep in it. A monetary fine means nothing to the world's richest man—losing his power over the industry does. As you attempt to settle with him, he is already targeting LINUX for the Internet market—he has learned nothing, except whom to contribute to for favors. You people can spin it anyway you like, we, the public, see it for what it really is. There is no longer equality under the law, there is no longer equal enforcement of the law, the law is Dubya.

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MTC-00000002

From: Jordan, Bill
To: 'microsoft.atr(a)usdoj.gov'
Date: 11/16/01 11:20am
Subject: Microsoft

I very much support the overturn of Judge Jackson's ill-advised court ruling and the softening of the government's approach to Microsoft. Gates and his company have built without question the premier operating system and peripherals in the world. Would any of us want to depend on other products? I wouldn't and suspect that most people would line up on my side. Why do we try to penalize successful companies who pay more and more taxes as they become more successful?

Believe me, if any of Microsoft's competitors had built the same so-called monopoly, they would be screaming like banshees if the government or anyone else tried to break them into pieces. We operate by the golden rule; whoever has the gold rules. That would be Microsoft. Leave them alone and let them continue to make great products, make lots of money, and pay lots of taxes so the Department of Justice, among others, can exist.

Thanks for the opportunity to give my opinion. I love America and our capitalistic system. There will always be big guys and little guys, and no amount of governmental intervention will ever make things even. I want to be president of my company, but maybe I don't have what it takes to get to the top. Microsoft has what it takes and has proved it in the marketplace. Why hasn't Netscape, Linux, etc., etc. been able to do the same? Because they're not as good.

Thanks,

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MTC-00000003

From: David Reid
To: 'microsoft.atr(a)usdoj.gov'
Date: 11/16/01 11:24am
Subject: against

I have reviewed the available details of the proposed settlement with Microsoft and find, in my opinion, that it does little to serve the public interest. What it does is serve Bill Gates and company with a vaguely worded settlement that delivers a light tap on the wrist, complete with a side wink. It appears to me to be just one more case of Republicans serving their corporate support base at the expense of those who actually VOTE.

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MTC-00000004

From: Kenneth Jarvis
To: Microsoft Case—Comments
Date: 11/16/01 11:26am
Subject: Windows WITHOUT Internet Explorer—Make they give us a CHOICE.
Currently, MSOft has access to EVERY computer in the world because they FORCE us to have Internet Explorer on our computers. With this access their Monopoly will ONLY GET STRONGER.

I am a candidate for the Nevada Assembly District 18 and am going to introduce a bill that will require Any Software Company that sells software IN NEVADA to have Support IN NEVADA. Microsoft's claim that they HAVE to hook Internet Explorer onto Windows is FALSE. If they were forced to provide 2 versions of windows one WITH IE and one WITHOUT IE we would have a choice.

As it is ALL computers that run Windows are FORCED to have IE available, taking up valuable Disk space if we choose to run another browser.

Thank you for your consideration.
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MTC-00000005

From: Bill McGaw
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 11/16/01 11:26am
Subject: Microsoft

As a consumer, the settlement is a sell out to big money. I hope the judge sees this and listens to the states that disagree with the Feds. Bill McGaw

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MTC-00000006

From: Don Williston
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 11/16/01 11:27am
Subject: settlement

My comments about the Microsoft settlement:

1. Unlike Standard Oil and American Tobacco, whose products were static in design, Microsoft's product is dynamic, constantly striving to be adequate.

2. The error in the action against Microsoft is not that Microsoft was innocent, it is that the laws protecting Microsoft's product(s) are not proper for the intellectual property